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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Informal Briefing by the Acting DD/S&T of Chairman Miller and Representatives Teague, Fulton, and Bell, House Committee on Science and Astronautics, Friday, 17 March 1967

1. The Acting DD/S&T met with the Chairman and three members of the House Committee on Science and Astronautics. The meeting started at 10:15 a.m. Present from the Subcommittee were:

George P. Miller, Chairman
Olin E. Teague
James G. Fulton
Alphonzo Bell

Representative Fulton was called away immediately after the start of the briefing and returned for only a few moments at the close. Present from the staff were:

Charles F. Ducander
W.H. Boone
Peter Gerardi

25X1 Mr. Duckett, the Acting DD/S&T, was accompanied by David Brandwein, Director, FMSAC, and [redacted]. The briefing was informal in nature with the Chairman, members, staff and Agency representatives gathered at the witness table in the main Committee room, 2318 Rayburn House Office Building. [redacted]
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2. Mr. Duckett refreshed the Chairman's and members' memory on the overall status of the Soviet space program and brought them up to date as to information available on the most recent space events. It was noted, in particular, for the first time the Soviets had missed the Mars/Venus space window earlier this year, and that telemetry information is not yet available for any definitive assessment on last week's shot. Appropriate details will be furnished informally when they are available.

3. Although there was little comment on the [redacted] Chairman Miller found the Chinese problem quite interesting and felt it worth the time to note some of his views from past experiences with the Chinese. As an aside, Mr. Bell asked, if possible, that he be provided an outline comparison of Chinese iron production as an illustration of Chinese standing with countries [redacted] weighted, if possible, by including Chinese iron resources.

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4. In conversation with Mr. Gerardi and Mr. Boone at the close of the meeting, it was noted that several of the other Subcommittee chairmen and senior minority members of Subcommittees, although unable to attend due to other commitments or engagements, were desirous of meeting with Mr. Duckett for this presentation. In consequence, they may prevail upon the Chairman to ask Mr. Duckett to return after the Easter recess.

5. The briefing was most cordial. By his questions and the questions of Mr. Teague and Mr. Bell, the Chairman extended the anticipated hour and fifteen minutes to well over two hours. The meeting was concluded at 12:30.

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